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Dear Sirs,

I believe that Microsoft must be severely sanctioned for its monopolistic actions, and that the Department of Justice's proposed remedy is inadequate.

I have been a computer scientist since before Microsoft was formed, and I have watched the company carefully. The actions which were judged monopolistic were in fact entirely typical and normal for this company, and far from the worst of their actions. The pretrial depositions for the "Digital DOS" case describe much more egregious actions. (Microsoft settled out of court, so those actions have never been judged.)

Any expectation that Microsoft will willingly change its behavior are wrong. The loopholes in the DOJ's proposed consent degree will be fully exploited.

I propose that Microsoft Office be split off into a separate company, and that the remainder of Microsoft be required to publish the actual source for all of its system interfaces.

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